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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:EWWT, NI

SUBJECT:TERMINATION OF PREFERENTIAL BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

REF: 76 LAGOS 12327

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY A U.S. SHIPPING LINE THAT NIGERIANS HAVE UNILATERALLY TERMINATED PREFERENTIAL BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS ON 11 JAN 77. THIS SUDDEN MOVE HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED U.S. AND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOADED CARGO ON ASSUMPTION THAT THEY HAD GUARANTEE OF BERTH AND HAVE SCHEDULED SAILINGS 6 - 8 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. LACK OF REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION HAS LEFT SHIPPING LINES UNABLE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM TERMINATION OF PREFEREN-  
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TIAL BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS. ASSUMING REPORTS RECEIVED HERE ARE CORRECT, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO EXPRESS TO FMG AUTHORITIES USG CONCERN OVER EFFECTS OF LAGOS PORT OFFICIALS' SUDDEN UNILATERAL ACTION. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS TO FMG AUTHORITIES THAT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO TERMINATE PREFERENTIAL BERTHING, AFFECTED LINES SHOULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS

OR NEGOTIATE SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVES. EMBASSY MAY  
WISH TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN PROCEDURES FOR SHIPPING CARGO

TO LAGOS WERE AMENDED IN OCTOBER 1976, THERE WAS NO  
MENTION OF ABOLISHING PRIORITY BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. SINCE NON-U.S. LINES ALSO INVOLVED, EMBASSY MAY WISH  
TO COORDINATE APPROACH TO FMG WITH OTHER WESTERN  
EMBASSIES.  
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